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PayPal has quickly become a global leader in online payment solutions with over 30 million account members worldwide. Available in 38 countries around the world, buyers and sellers on eBay, online retailers and businesses, as well as traditional offline businesses are transacting with PayPal.

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Founded in late 1998, Confinity's team combines backgrounds in finance, encryption, telecommunications, and the Internet. The company aims to enable people around the world to access their money anytime and anywhere.

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Aside from saying he isn't re-creating Notes, Ray Ozzie isn't talking about product plans. Some 16,000 visitors have hit Groove's cryptic Web site, apparently seeking clues. Even [Microsoft](#) executives wonder aloud whether he could change the computer world again.

Now there are signs that Groove's development phase is winding down. Groove, based in Beverly, Mass., just hired former [Lotus](#) public-relations chief Richard Eckel from Parametric Technologies, and its Web site carries several help-wanted ads for quality-assurance engineers. Those types come aboard when the end of development is in sight, suggesting a product might appear in six to eight months, industry officials say.

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THE CAYMAN ISLANDS ARE KNOWN for shells, even the kind [Intel Corp.](#) likes to collect, it turns out. The Santa Clara, Calif., chip company has created several shell companies to disguise its identity while it shops around for patents. The latest: a subsidiary based in the Cayman Islands called Farrington Investments. The new company was uncovered by [Intergraph Corp.](#), which is locked in a patent dispute with [Intel](#). [Intel](#) spokesman Chuck Mulloy said the company set up the subsidiary there well before the Intergraph lawsuit to facilitate its acquisition of patents. When sellers know that [Intel](#) is involved, they wonder if they should hold out for more money, Mr. Mulloy explains.

Through Farrington, which was set up by [Bank of America Corp.](#) employee Michael Carney, [Intel](#) bought several patents that it later used in its infringement countersuit against [Intergraph](#), based in Huntsville, Ala. Mr. Carney also administers another [Intel](#) shell company, Maelen Ltd., which is involved in litigation with a Chicago-area patent-enforcement firm, TechSearch LLC. James Meadlock, chief executive of [Intergraph](#), says, "I am amazed at the lengths [Intel](#) will go to attempt to manipulate the legal system." Mr. Mulloy and Mr. Carney declined to respond.

30 MINUTES TO LIFE? Everyone in Silicon Valley claims to hate meetings, but now someone has done something about them. The 10 conference rooms at Alteon Web Systems Inc., a closely held San Jose, Calif., maker of computer-networking gear, are named for prisons: Attica, Bastille, Devil's Island, Joliet, Leavenworth, Pelican Bay, San Quentin, Sing Sing, Soledad and Tower of London. "Being in a meeting isn't a fun thing," says David Callisch, Alteon's director of market communications, who devised the prison theme. Mr. Callisch says he wanted to make it as "embarrassing" as possible for staffers to schedule or attend meetings.

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Computer scientists in the United States have unveiled plans to turn mobile phones into virtual credit cards. It will be possible to use them for transactions in shops and between individuals.

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Nokia used a mobile phone to beam \$3 million (pounds 1.8m) to the personal organiser of Confinity's chief executive.

The prospects for the new money payment scheme becoming truly global are high because of the international popularity of

mobile phones. More people own them than use the Internet or own PCs.

It is easy to transfer the necessary software by phone.

Jim Malloy of [Nokia Ventures](#) predicts the technology will spread rapidly. 'The potential is tremendous. It's a significant development in the way people conduct cash transactions.'

[Paypal](#) will change the way people think about money, said Peter Thiel, chief executive of Confinity. Customers will no longer have to 'hunt for a cash machine in order to split the bill over dinner'.

Cellnet and Barclaycard are running trials of similar systems in Leeds. Customers download electronic cash over the Cellnet network on to their Barclaycard by inserting it into a specially adapted mobile phone.

However, [Paypal](#) bypasses use of a card, by connecting with accounts. The system also acts as a currency by allowing cash transfers of any amount between individuals.

The move is one of many applications for 'smart card' chips in mobile phones.

The technology has other applications, too, according to the inventors. For example, remote management of vending machines, using phones to change temperatures or prices.

In Finland, where there are almost two mobile phones per adult, some vending machines have ceased to accept cash. Customers make calls from mobiles to the machine, choose and collect the drink. The cost is added to their phone bill.

A new generation of mobiles will soon offer Internet connections, allowing share trading, online access to newspapers and e-mail.

'Mobile phones will become more and more pervasive in our daily lives,' said Joseph Gordon of telecoms analyst Analysys. 'This will be another form of money. I don't see it completely replacing money, but it will definitely take off.'

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The Internet is about to poke George Washington in the eye ... and Abraham Lincoln and all those other famous men peering out from the front of America's legal tender.

Thanks to online commerce, new kinds of currency will some day challenge those greenback paper giants.

No one's quite sure what they'll look like: virtual nickels and dimes people spend but never see, or frequent-flier miles, Disney dollars, or some other creation that was never minted on a government printing press. But something is coming.

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Of course, the clink of coins and shuffle of bills have long been giving way to the beeps and blips of more modern payment systems: credit cards and, more recently, debit cards, which immediately charge purchases to a consumer's bank account.

Poor track record

Yet previous predictions that a new e-money would challenge those innovations have proved disastrously wrong so far. E-money pioneer DigiCash declared bankruptcy last year. CyberCash and another early player, FirstVirtual, have changed their business focus.

Nevertheless, e-money experiments are again mushrooming online. If these new companies answer real consumers' needs, they could go a long way toward transforming the dough America spends, several observers say.


And this time, entrepreneurs seem more realistic. Instead of trying to change Americans' spending methods singlehandedly, they're targeting specific audiences with more familiar instruments.

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"We've tested it down to 2 cents a transaction," says Eric DePrano, the company's chief executive. By relying on the power of the Internet, the company keeps costs low by eliminating the middlemen used by traditional credit cards, sends customers their bills online, and doesn't even issue any plastic. The "card" exists only as a number and an account.

*Splitting a restaurant bill using only credit cards. Today, at least one of you has to have cash. But Peter Thiel, chief executive of Confinity Inc. in Palo Alto, Calif., is rolling out a system in September that will allow individuals to pay each other by credit card.

Using its  PayPal software, consumers will be able to beam credit-card payments to each other via a popular electronic organizer known as the Palm Pilot.

Even if only one person has the software, he can beam that over to the other Palm Pilot too.

"As people use it, the software spreads," says Mr. Thiel, who hopes to develop versions of  PayPal for other organizers, cellular phones, and even pagers.

*Providing more convenient forms of coupons. Several firms are busy putting an Internet spin on the old green and yellow stamps grocery stores used to hand out.

New York-based beenz.com Inc., for example, offers a currency called "beenz" that people earn for, say, buying something online or dropping by a Web site. When they've accumulated enough, they can spend them toward merchandise at any of the 190 participating companies worldwide.

Netcentives Inc. in San Francisco offers a similar service called ClickRewards, which rewards consumers with frequent-flier miles.

Flooz.com, also in New York, offers a slightly different twist: gift-certificate currency called flooz that consumers can use toward merchandise at some two dozen online merchants. Each flooz equals \$1.

All these services are free to consumers.

Big firms not far behind

Of course, today's financial giants - [MasterCard](#), [Visa](#), Citibank, and others - are also gunning to create the new currency of cyberspace. They're trying various concepts, including the "digital wallet," which you pay for before using online much like a prepaid phone card. These companies will probably be joined by Internet powerhouses, such as [Yahoo!](#) and [America Online \(AOL\)](#), which have already created brand loyalty among large groups of consumers.

In the new world of Internet commerce, that's enough of a platform to create new currencies that members can earn and trade for discounts on service or merchandise.

"You'll see additional forms of those currencies," predicts Paul Herman, chief executive and cofounder of iCanBuy.com Inc., a San Francisco-based online payment system for children. (See online services, page 14.) "The question is how restricted they are.... The more places you'll be able to use them, I think you'll see accumulations of these currencies."

Who will win out? Many observers point to today's big brand names in finance and the Internet to carry the day.

But Mr. Melton of CyberCash thinks smaller "affinity" groups, such as the Girl Scouts or a charity that command intense loyalty, may be the long-term winners. Already, these groups are beginning to offer their own credit cards; online, they may attract so much traffic to their sites that merchants will pay them to use their currency.

"The Yahoos and the AOLs may be the Tyrannosaurus rex of the Internet space," he says. "The little furry mammals who are moving along the cracks are the affinity groups."

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PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 13 /PRNewswire/ -- [PayPal](#) (www.PayPal.com), the leading online payment service, today announced it has reached more than five million registered users and has processed more than \$1 billion in payments since launching just over a year ago. By adding more than 20,000 new users a day, [PayPal](#) has pulled well away from the competitive pack by offering fast, easy, safe and secure online payment processing for consumers and e-commerce sites. As a result, [PayPal](#) is the most heavily trafficked financial site on the Internet, with more visitors than any bank or brokerage site, according to PC Data Online.

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PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 13 /PRNewswire/ -- [PayPal](#) (www.PayPal.com), the leading online payment service, today announced it has reached more than five million registered users and has processed more than \$1 billion in payments since launching just over a year ago. By adding more than 20,000 new users a day, [PayPal](#) has pulled well away from the competitive pack by offering fast, easy, safe and secure online payment processing for consumers and e-commerce sites. As a result, [PayPal](#) is the most heavily trafficked financial site on the Internet, with more visitors than any bank or brokerage site, according to PC Data Online.

"We've proven to our users, investors and competitors that [PayPal](#) is the clear market leader in the online payment services market," said Peter Thiel, chairman and co-founder of [PayPal](#). "Reaching more than five million [PayPal](#) users demonstrates that the 'network effect' is clearly at work -- people want to use the online payment service their friends are using and businesses want to be a part of the network their customers are using."

The world's first and largest Web-based payment service, [iPayPal](#) allows consumers and businesses to send and receive money funded from bank accounts, credit cards or their [iPayPal](#) online accounts instantly and securely on the Internet.

"Whether they need to send money to a family member, buy something at an online auction or other e-commerce site, or make a quick and easy payment online for a business service received offline, people are joining the network with the most users," Thiel explained. "They're putting their trust in the service that pioneered email payments, the one with the longest track record and the most experience – and that's [iPayPal](#)."

Reaching these key metrics just a year after offering the service, [iPayPal](#) has confirmed a prediction by Robert Simon, then CEO of dotBank (now [iYahoo! PayDirect\(TM\)](#)) – the first company to reach five million users will become the clear market leader (Inter@ctive Week, 3/20/00).

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[iPayPal](#) is the leading payment service for online auctions, and is accepted at more than half of the over 5 million auctions on [eBay\(TM\)](#). [iPayPal](#) is also increasingly being used for non-auction e-commerce. Used with Web-enabled mobile phones, [iPayPal](#) turns a wireless phone into a digital wallet.

About [iPayPal](#)

Founded in December 1998 by Peter Thiel and Max Levchin, [iPayPal](#) is a privately held company headquartered in Palo Alto, California. [iPayPal](#) was recently named one of the 50 Most Important Private Companies in the World by Red Herring and one of the Top 25 New Companies by Fortune Small Business. The PayPal Website was declared a Forbes Favorite Website in the magazine's latest "Best of the Web" issue, and was similarly named "Best of the Web" for Personal Finance in U.S. News and World Report's most recent annual guide. For more information, please visit www.PayPal.com.

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